

Action: Fee Increase

Fee Type: **Expanded Amenity Fee**

Forest Name: Mendocino National Forest Site Name: Sycamore Grove Campground

Campground Site Type: District: **Grindstone Ranger District**

Financial Information:

Reservation fee of \$9.00 applies

Fee Change Information:

From: 1/1 To: 12/31

Current Fees: Proposed Fees:

Single Site \$25.00 \$40.00

Picnic Table: Yes

Yes

Yes

No

Water:

Garbage:

Tent Pad:

Remarks about the fees: The fee increase will be for one campsite with electrical and potable water hookups where the yurt will be located. The fee for all other campsites will remain

the same.

29%

Total O&M: \$76,804 Deffered Maintenance: \$14,708 \$614,746 ReplacementValue: Current Revenue: \$42,000 Predicted Revenue: \$45,000

Revenue Difference: \$3,000 **Current Occupancy:** 29%

Expected Occupancy:

Reason for Fee Change

The Forest is considering conversion of one traditional campsite within the exisiting campground offering a yurt. Adding a yurt at site will increase visitor opportunities at this campground, which lies adjacent to a major Interstate Highway. The yurt will provide amenities and opportunities for visitors to experience the National Forest that may not otherwise be interested in a traditional camping experience.

REA Amenities - Must Have 5 out of 9

Graveled 2WD accessible Access Road:

Pedestal Grills Fire Device:

Visitor Protection: Host or attendant present

Fee Collection: Campground Host

Toilet: Vault Other Site Amenities:

Boat Launch

Showers

Lake-River Oriented **Established Vegetation Interpretive Services**

Hookups

Rec Opportunities from site

Ease of Approach

Area Description:

The campground is located within the Red Bluff Recreation Area, which adjoins the Sacramento River near the full service town of Red Bluff, CA. The campground has grass lawns and is nestled among sycamore, oak and cottonwood trees. Other visitor facilities within the Recreation Area include day use areas, 4.2 miles of trail that provide scenic views of Mt. Shasta and Mt. Lassen, two boat ramps, and the Sacramento Discovery Center.



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Planned Accomplishment Narative:

Fees collected will fund the operations and maintenance of the yurt and amenities within Sycamore Grove Campground. If the public demand increases for this type of recreation experience, fee funds may also be used to install additional yurts within Sycamore Grove Campground.

Other Provider Summary:

Other Provider Avg Price: \$44.33

Other Provider 1 Name:

Shasta Lake Yurts - Shasta Trinity N

Other Provider 1 Price:

\$45.00

Other Provider 1 Summary:

Located within a National Forest family campground (near Shasta Lake) with some campsites providing yurts.

Similar amenities to Sycamore Grove - picnic table, fire ring, and vehicle parking spur. Restrooms available within the campground.

Other Provider 2 Name:

Premier RV Resort Yurt Rentals (Re

Other Provider 2 Price:

\$47.00

Other Provider 2 Summary:

Amenities include bathroom, showers, swimming pool, tent sites, and cabin rentals. Yurt rentals include electricity, bunk beds and sofa bed.

Other Provider 3 Name:

Oregon State Park Yurt Campsites

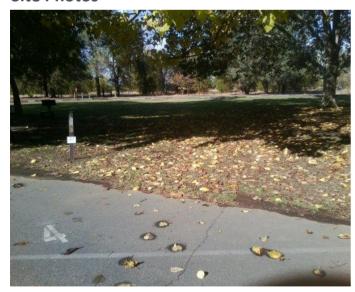
Other Provider 3 Price:

\$41.00

Other Provider 3 Summary:

Located within a single family campground with some campsites providing yurts. Similar amenities to Sycamore Grove - picnic table, fire ring, and vehicle parking spur. Restrooms available within the campground; some offer showers.

Site Photos



Campsite 4 in Sycamore Grove CG is one of the possible yurt locations.



Example of the yurt that would be placed in Sycamore Grove CG.

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Method for Informing Public:

Federal Legislator Task:

Annual Report: Yes Site Post: Yes Forest Service Website Post: Yes

Public Participation: In Progress

Posted Notice in Rec Area: Federal Register Notice:

NewsRelease: Legal Notice:

Website Post: Notify Local Interest Groups:

County Commissioner Task: Public Meeting:

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Public Participation Tasks:

Public Participation Results:

- 1) Publish notice of proposed change in fee structure in local newspapers as well as newspapers from known communities in which visitors originate. These include by are not limited to: Red Bluff Daily News, Redding Record Searchlight, Chico Enterprise Record, Tri County News (covering Chico, Willows, Orland, and Colusa), and Sacramento Bee;
- 2) Post notice of proposed change in fee on the Mendocino NF website:
- 3) Utilize Twitter to send a series of tweets to encourage people to comment on the proposal;
- 4) Post proposed change in fee posters at Red Bluff Recreation Area information kiosks, including within Sycamore Grove Campground and at the Sacramento River Discovery Center;
- 5) District Recreation personnel will communicate in person with visitors to Red Bluff Recreation Area, including Sycamore Grove Campground, to discuss the proposal and offer opportunities for the public to provide feedback on the proposal;
- 6) Provide briefing on proposed change in fee to local government officials, including the Tehama County Board of Supervisors as well as Congressional representatives from three Congressional Districts.

All notifications will include a description of the proposed fee change, and the increased amenities as a result of the proposed change, as well as information on how to provide comments on the proposed fee changes.



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